THE SPANISH TREATY

OFFICIAL ANALYSIS OF ITS PROVISIONS BY SECRETARY PRELINGHUYSEN.

the Existing Spanish Tariff Set Forth-Re-Hef to Our Shipping by the Reciprocal

purpose and object of the Spanish treaty, and wing the exact changes proposed to be de in the existing Spanish tariff. The retary, after exhaustively sketching the condition of reciprocal trade between the Spanish colonies and this country, with a belance of trade against the latter in the pro-portion of five to one, proceeds to analyze the

is respect is the stipulation that the benefits

of the carrying trade shall be limited to American and Spanish vessels. This is regarded as an important provision for the development of our shipping.

Article 3 corrects a practice which has operated to the disadvantage of American vessels in the West Indian trade. Under existing laws and constons regulations foreign products reshipped in the ports of the United States, when transported by Spanish vessels, are admitted into Cuba and Porto Rico, at 25 percent, less duties than when carried by American vessels, the rule being applied to all Canadian and other foreign products in transit through the United States. The present article gives to American vessels henceforth the same privileges as Spanish vessels in respect of such transshipped cargo as they may carry. Articles 4, 17, and 18 are designed to remove the restrictions and technical penalties to which American exporters and shippers have been subjected for many years past in the Spanish Autillean custom houses, and which have been a source of constant irritation and hardship, at times straining the friendly relations of the two governments.

THE RIFLES' "AT HOME."

Bright with brilliant tollettes and gay uni-forms, worn by beautiful women and brave men, was the National Rifles armory last night. The Rifles were "at home," and their friends took advantage of the circumstance to fill the finest ball room in the city. The rather startling contrasts into which female fashion has drifted this winter were represented by a number of notably elegant costumes which were displayed to excellent effect during the

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 11.—The directors of the Presbyterian Theological seminary at Colum-bia, S. C., yesterday requested the resignation of Dr. James Woodrow from the professorabip of natural solences. The synods controlling the institution had decided against Dr. Wood-row's exposition of the evolution theory, and Dr. Woodrow's declared in sintention to centime

POOR UNCLE SILAS.

A REAL LIFE ROMANCE OF THE FRENCH SPOLIATION CLAIMS.

A Man Who Had Claims Against the Gevernment Aggregating Millions Dring is a Consecticat Almshouse—Correspondence With All the Presidents from Van Buren to Arthur.

HARTPORD, CON., Dec. 11.—The interest in the spoliation bill in congress this week recalls here in Hartford the romantic career of "Unclo" Silas Savage, who was this week buried at the town's expense on the very day that the senate passed the bill referring the Prench spoliation bill in congress this week recalls here in Hartford the romantic career of "Unclo" Silas Savage, who was this week buried at the town's expense on the very day that the senate passed the bill referring the Prench spoliation claimants, and for more than a half century lived in constant hope of having his claim against the government adjusted. His father, who was an arms manufacturer in Middletown, this state, had considerable money invested in the more considerable money invested in the more formed the embargo against Napoleon four of Mr. Savage's vessels—the Daphton, Triton, Juno, and Polly—happened in at a West Indian, amounting, without interest to stiro. On the considerable money invested in the sport of the sale ernment adjusted. His father, who was an arms manufacturer in Middletown, this state, had considerable money invested in the merchant marine. When the nations of Europe formed the embargo against Napoleon four of Mr. Savage's vessels—the Daphne, Triton, Juno, and Foily—lappened in at a West Indian port and were confiscated. Silas Savage, by inheritance and purchase, secured the entire interest of his father in the spoliation claim, amounting, without interest, to 817,000, and with interest at a low rate to two or three millions of dollars. Very often Mr. Savage was solicited to dispose of his claim against the United States government, but he never considered any of the propositions made him. In early life he was a bank teller and a man prominent in business affairs. But his fortunes varied, and eighteen years ago he was obliged to apply at the Hartford almshouse for a home. He remained in that establishment until his death this week. He consulted president after president about his claim, and from his home at the almshouse he penued scores of letters to many of the leading officials at Washington.

Several of Connecticut's representatives in congress exerted themselves from time to time in his behalf, but to no avail. A year ago the old man said: "I'm going to have my lawful possessions before I die, but the United States government will never outlive the curse that it has brought upon itself by forcing me to this terrible life of poverty."

A decimal part of his claim would have kept him in affluence during his old age. He kept him in affluence during his old age. He kept him in affluence during his old age. He kept him in affluence during his old age. He kept him in affluence during his old age. He kept him in affluence during his old age. He kept him in affluence during his old age. He kept him in affluence during his old age. He kept him in affluence during his old age. He kept him in affluence with the presidents of the United States government will never outlive the curse that

GLORY UNTO GORMAN.

Drinking Wine and Speechifying in Honor of

the Maryland Senator, Baltimone, Dec. 11.—Seldom has such a epresentative gathering of public men been een here as that which met in the fover of the Academy of Maste in this city to-night at the dinner given by the business men of the city to Senator A. P. Gorman. About 20 subscribers and invited guests were present, among the latter being Senators T. F. Bayard, Chas. W. Jones, John R. McPherson, B. F. Jonas, Wade Hampton, L. Q. C. Lamar, Geo. H. Pundleton, Groome, of Maryland; Vest, of Missourl, and Camden, of West Virginia; Gov. McLanc, of Maryland: Representatives S. S. Cox, George A. Peat, Commander H. H. Gorringe, Franklin B. Gowen, and others.

The arrangements for the banquet and the decorations of the hall were of the most tasteful character. Senator Gorman sat at a table running north and south, supported on either side by Stephen S. Lee, chalfman, and Mayor he Academy of Music in this city to-night at

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carets of invitation suitable to the occasion engraved in the bureau of engraving and printing, and appropriating a further sum of \$7,500 to the amount already authorized to be except mine to-night. [Applause,] There was a suitable why the 21st of February had been selected, to which Mr. Sherman replied that the 22d was Sunday. Mr. Morgan saw in that fact no reason for the change. In his opinion, no day was too sacred for the work of fittingly commemorating this important event.

Mr. Sherman said that there were a number were hardened to be reasonable to be ring the exercision had deemed it unwise to bring the had the exercision had deemed it unwise to bring the had the exercision had deemed it unwise to bring the had the exercision had deemed it unwise to bring the had the had

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Dec. II.—Secretary Tel-ler, with Postmastea General Hatton and party, returned to Jacksonville from Sanford this morning, and to-day made an excursion to St. Augustine, returning this eventing. To-morrow they will 'make a visit to the mouth of the St. John's river and on Saturday morn-ing will leave for New Orleans.

TELEGRAPHIC TIPS.

 --Elaborate festivities in celebration of Archbishop Lynch's sliver jubiles occurred at Teronto, Ontario, yesterday. -Silas Sanders, colored, a witness in the Crouch murder trials at Jackson, Mich., at-tempted to commit stilcide yesterday.

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On Wednesday has the schooner Stella Moris run on the reof of Maru Keys, St. Mary's, N. F., and every soul on board perished.

The unpaid Italian laborers continue to make disturbances at Port Rowan, Ont., and great fears are entertained of bloodshed.

Jacob and Henry Mills, brothers, were fatally injured Thursday by the explosion of some dynamite which they lead placed in a stove to thaw out, near Manville, Pa.

Lawyer Cornellson, of Mount Sterling, Ky, sentenced on Wednesday to three years' imprisonment for assaulting Judge field, has mysteriously disappeared, causing nuch excitement.

The mayor and members of the council of Atchison, Kan., were arrested Westerday ovening upon an order of the United States eigent courf for failure to levy taxes to pay a bond judgment.

day at a house about two miles from the place where the shooting was done. Palmer sur-rendered to the sheriff and four citizens on condition that they would not let him he lynched. After this surrender he said he ex-sected to be hanged.

THE CHICAGO ELECTION FRAUD. Two Clerks in the County Clerk's Office

Charge Each Other With It. CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Arthur Glesson, chie Monday Next-The Ladles Who Will Assist at the Various Tables and Booths. eputy in County Clerk Ryan's office, makes for the benefit of the National Homeopathic hospital, to be held at Marini's hall next week, are actively engaged in perfecting arrangements, and the success of the enterprise is now assured. A great many gentlemen have interested themselves, and are adding the lades, The hall is being titled up, and will be ready by Monday. President Arribur will furnish a lunch during the fair, and President is every many of the dependent of the president of receive contributions in Novyork, will make his report in a few days. The tables are to be arranged about the large hall in artistic order, and will be placed so as to display the contents in good order. The decorations about the hall will be superband are being arranged by the following committee: Mrs. Lewis Clephane, Mrs. Robert J. Flaber, Jr., and Mrs. George Kennan. A feature of the basar will be the Christmas presents for children, which are to be sold on business principles.

The banquet hall will be supplied with all the delicacles and a linch will be served every day from 12 o'clock to continue until 2 o'clock. A luncheon will also be zerved during the evenlur. A large number of hotels will be Mrs. W. L. Vanderlip, chairman Mrs. C. H. Burler, Mrs. R. M. S. Pratt, Mrs. Ir. Wadsworth, Mrs. N. B. Walker, Mrs. M. J. M. Donglas, and Mrs. Main. They will be assisted by forty-seven young ladies in waiters' costumes.

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GOLD-COATED STREL FILINGS. An Ingenious Swindle Discovered at the Philadelphia Mint.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—Two attempts have been made lately to palm off spurious builion at the mint here. On Monday last a new and ingenious device to defraud the dealers in gold builion was unearthed by the reception of a deposit from the agent of the Adams Ex-press company of what had the appearance of gold grains for Charles S. Stief, of Little Rook, Ark. Yesterday another deposit of a similar character was presented by the same segent for Meyer Cohen, of Nashville, Tenn. The appearance of the grains was strikinely similar to African gold grains or North Carolina analgam. The want of specific gravity, as compared with gold, first attracted attention, and the stuff was taken to Co. Snowden, the superintendent, who promptly declared it to be a spurious article. The curious and interesting fact was presented that, while the general appearance of the grains was much like that daily received, it also resisted the acid test. Subsequently a careful analysis was made. This revealed an ingenious device for the deception of parties dealing in gold builtion. This revealed an ingenious device for the deception of parties dealing in gold builtion. The grains were discovered to be steel filings covered with fine gold, which was made to adhere by the use of a composition of turpentine. It was ascertained that the gold on each ounce. It is believed that some persons are engaged in the manufacture of the bogus gold, and are disposing of it to gold dealers in the southwest. rold grains for Charles S. Stief, of Little Rock,

A Fugitive Murderer Captured. LYNCHBURG, Dec. 1L.—News has reached tere from Jonesville, Lee county, of the cap-Nolon, the murderer of Calvin Smith, his brother-in-law, in Harian county, on November 29. An old gradge existed between the men, and while riding by Smith's house Nolen shot him through the doorway. Nolen fled to the mountains, but a brother of the murdered man tracked him, and with the satisfance of citizens effected his capture. The parties belong to leading families in Kentucky.

Protection Sentiment Abroad.

Parts Bec. 11.—The Due D'Auroale reseived.

dent of the council of the department of the Oire, submitted to Prime Minister Ferry yes-terday a resolution adopted by the council praying for an increase of customs on all farm products which are not affected by existing commercial treaties, in order to enable France to meet foreign competition. The resolution asks also that on the expiration of the present treaties the duty on the articles affected by them shall be increased, and that no new treaties shall be concluded until the tariff laws have been revised.

Loxbors, Bec. 11.—The central chamber of commerce adopted a resolution to-day asking for a parliamentary inquiry into the causes of the present agricultural depression, with a view to protection. An amendment to the resolution in favor of free trade was rejected by a vote of 28 to 9.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 11.—Holland proposes to place an excise duty on tobacco. roducts which are not affected by existing

Dealing in Cotton Futures Not Gambling. validity of a contract to deliver cotton at a future time, to which the defense was made that the contract was sambling, and therefore void, the court held that the contract was valid, and in order to make it a gambling contract both parties must agree that there shall be no delivery, but a settlement by differences. The lury rendered a verdict against Covington for \$0,200, with interest.

A Fireman's Heroic Beed,
Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 11.—As a passenger
train on the Reading and Columbia milroad
was running at the rate of thirty miles an hour,
near Ephraia, last evening, the engineer
noticed a child on the track some distance
abend. He called the attention of Fireman T.
J. D. Coloman to the fact, when the latter
made his way to the pilot, and grasped the
child just as the engine was about to pass over
it. Fine child was taken to Columbia for identilleation.

Mr. Cleveland Paid for the Boots. RICHMOND, VA., Dec. II.—A shoemaker at Wytheville a few days since wrote to Presi-dent-elect Cleveland asking for his measure

THE HOMEOPATHIC FAIR. Arrangements Perfected for Its Opening or

The ladies interested in the fair and burs for the benefit of the National Homeopathic hospital, to be held at Marini's hall next week,

Mrs. A. Nallor, Mrs. N. E. Walker, Mrs. J. M. Denglas, and Mrs. Main. They will be assisted by forty-seven young ladies in walters' costumes.

The committee on arrangements state that the fair will be given for the support of a national hospital at the national capital to be carried on on broad principles of humanity without regard to seed or issues. The other committees are: Flowers, Miss Mamie Cammack, Mrs. J. O. Clephane, Mrs. M. F. MoLeonan, the Misses Teller, and Mrs. M. F. MoLeonan, the Misses Teller, and Mrs. M. F. MoLeonan, the Misses Teller, and Mrs. S. F. Davis, novelties, Mrs. G. H. Willox, chairman, Mesdames J. F. Balway, J. W. Pilling, Dr. Stearns, J. J. Edson, Dr. Pope, Wm. Tindail, F. M. Heaton, S. H. Bohinson, E. H. Wight, W. M. Gait, Dr. Heron, W. D. Roome, T. H. Morton, and F. E. Pitts; toys, Mrs. Tennie Somerville, chairman, Mesdames Silrney, C. P. Culver, J. H. McGill, A. A. Birney, and the Misses Culver; confections, Mrs. F. L. Freeman, chairman, Mesdames J. W. Buker, Dr. Verdt, H. B. Chittenden, J. E. Delano, Frank B. Conger, and Miss Sophia Verdi.

The general committees that will have charge of the fair will be: Eastern states, Mrs. Lewis Clephane, Mrs. Henry Calver, Miss Anna Dawes, of Massachusotts; Mrs. E. B. Wight, Mrs. Sonntor Hale, of Maine, Miss Lina Morse, and Mrs. J. H. T. Tupper in Purlian costume; indidle states, Mrs. A. R. Quaiffe, Mrs. Representative Stevens, of New York, In Dutch costumes; western states, Mrs. Senator Collion of Illinois; Mrs. Commissioner Edmonds, Mrs. Scorestary Teller, Mrs. W. Upton, Mrs. Secretary Teller, Mrs. W. W. Upton, Mrs. Secretary Teller, Mrs. W. W. Upton, Mrs. Secretary Teller, Mrs. W. W. Upton, Mrs. Senator Gallor, of Maryland: Mrs. Senator Gallora, of Mrs. Senator Gallora, of Hungary, Mrs. Senator Call, of Florida; Mrs. H. D. Cooke, Ir. Mrs. S. W. Clark, Mrs. Senator Grown, Mrs. Col. Sitgreaves, Mrs. Scara A. Spencor, Mrs. Col. Sitgreaves, Mrs. Scara A. Spencor, Mrs. Col. Sitgreaves, Mrs. Scara A. Spencor, Mrs. Col. Sitgreaves, Mrs. Scara A. S

on 3 will be known as the Zingars, with Page. Lottle Schmidt, Richards, and There will be, an education department, in

Changes Made in the Rules of the American

Association. New York, Dec. 11.—The American Bass Ball association concluded its session to-day and adjourned to meet in Baltimore on March Saw York, 1962, 11, -140 American mass shall association concluded its session to-day and adjourned to meet in Baltimore on March 2. The principal changes they made in the rules were as follows: Scorers shall have three days instead of twenty-four hours in which to send in their official scores. The arbitrary powers granted yesterday to the president may be revoked only by a two-thries vote of the directors. The president shall be allowed \$5.06 for traveling expenses to enable him to surprise unpires during the progress of games. Any manager, player, or umpire guilty of open drunkenness or disorder may be exspended may appeal to the directors, but must pended may appeal to the directors, but must produce \$5.50 with such appeal. This sum shall be used for the expenses of the court. If the appellant be adjudged linocent the \$5.00 will be returned to him. The president's salary shall be \$1.500; \$2.5 per monifi from each club. When clubs issue rain checks they shall not be required to pay the \$50 guarantee to visiting clubs. Any player signing with two clubs skall be expelled. Uniperes shall held their positions for one year, unless suspensed or removed. In the absence of the edical umpire no person interested in either contesting club shall act. Substitute umpfress shall settle all disputes about playing rules.

The championabit season shall be from April \$5 to Oct. I. Positioned championship games may be played off before Oct. 11. Any visiting club shall act wearners shall not be firmushed until the ond of the season. The amendment of the strength of the str

PORYSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. II.—Commander S. Dana Green, equipment officer of the may yard here, committed suicide this afternoon with a revolver. He was executive officer of the Monitor in her victory over the Merrimae, Mental troubles over literary work was the

The subcommittee of the house committee on elections, having in charge the contested election case of McLean vs. Broadhand, of Missoiri, will report to the full committee in layer of Mr. Broadhand.

A resolution offered by Senator Conser, that the injunction of secrecy on the text of the Nicaragua treaty be removed, occasioned some discussion in the executive session yearisty. It was referred to the committee on breign relations.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

OF THE SANITARY SCIENTISTS.

with the Secretaries of State and the Treasury-Draft of a Bill Which Will Be Pre-

tional Association of Health Boards convened at 10 a. m. yesterday at the Ebbitt house, when the hearing of reports from state boards and cities was continued. Erookiyn.—Dr. J. H. Raymoud, health officer, reported a good sanitary condition there. New York.—Hon. Erastus Brooks, state board,

said that careful proparation has been made to resist the cholora, and he thought the state in as good condition as any other to fight the dis-ease. Dr. Smith, health officer of New York

ease. Dr. Smith, health officer of New York city, who reported the day before, added some remarks about the continued use in some localities of well water, which is almost invariably polluted by surface filth, and thought that the use of water from wells in cities should be forbidden.

These reports were followed by others from Syracuse, N. Y., Dr. Mercer, Wilmington, N. C., Dr. Wood; Cincinnati, Dr. Rowland; Dayton, Ohio, Dr. Hedings: Pittsburg, Mr. Gray; Brie, Pa., Dr. Germer, Charloston, S. C., Dr. Prolean; Columbia, S. C., Dr. Horbeck, Nashylle, Dr. Thornton; Tennessee, Dr. Lindley; Gaiveston, Dr. Perry; Richmond, Dr. J. G. Cabell; Wheeling, Dr. Reeves; Wisconsin, Dr. J. T. Reeve; Michigan, Dr. Baker, District of Columbia, Dr. Townshend; Camada, Covernon, Jr. Vim Cambill.

Dr. Germer, of Eric, speam English with a decidedly broad German accent, or olse the reverse, and created much annessment by Yngorously declaring sagainst disinfectants, which, he said, was no more use than praying against grasshoppers.

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Ir. Smith Townshend said that Washington is an inland cility, and must guard against discase by inspecting the railway trains, as the water course is protected by the quarantine sation near Cape Charles. He relies more enstrict sanitary regulations than on quarantine. Washington is in an excellent sanitary condition, and he believed that, with the completion of our present system of water supply, our sewerage, and the reclamation of the follomac flats, Washington would not only be the most most boautiful city on the continent, but the healthiest.

Dr. McCornneck read the report of an investigation made as to the causes of the recent dysontary epidemic near the Camberland mountains in Kentucky, caused by maiariat polson in stagnant water during the long drouth,

Mr. Arbeely, a Syrian, who asked permis-

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Mr. O'Hara, a paper manufacturer, received permission to say, that his firm succeeds in perfectly disinfecting rugs, and never had a case of cholora in thirty years.

President Brooks announced that the committee on federal legislation had appointments with Secretary McCulloch and Secretary Freinighuysen at 1330 and 2 p. m., respectively.

of any case of choice of the description of the description of the determine in advance how the first cases shall determine in advance how the first cases shall be cared for, so as not to lossy valuable time and allow the disease to gain: a foundid, it is the judgment of the committee that the time has come when the state health boards should be recognised in some national form as having recognised in some national form as having

judgment of the committee that the time has come when the state health boards should be recognized in some national form as having authority to indicate what sanitary measures are necessary, and secure the same through these departments of the government under which they would naturally fall.

The committee on minicipal action also presented their report, recommending the adoption of the following minicipal regulations: That all surface wells be closed, privy vanits abelished, stagmant pools disinfected, sewers kept clear, accumulations of fifth prevented in tenements, the food supply inspected, garbage promptly removed, and the attention of authorities of all institutions, public and private, and of individuals as well be drawn to the great importance of maintaining liabits of personal cleanliness as one of the most efficient means of warding oil an attack of cholora, or reducing its virulence. The authorities of all states, cities, or villages are unged to adopt measures which will result in the amelioration of all the cenditions above referred to, with the warning that if the conditions are allowed to continue they will irreally promote the spread of choicra when it THE FINAL SESSION.

On reassembling at 4:30 p. m., after a recess from 1 p. m., Dr. J. H. Raymond was railed to the secretary's desk, and the chairman of the committee on state action made a supplemental report to the effect that state boards should be promptly organized in states where they do not now exist, so as to secure efficient local boards, and that ample appropriations should be made in states, so that the state, municipal, and local boards, and that ample appropriations should be made in states, so that the state, municipal, and local boards may be enabled to work evolutionously and without embarrassment in case of epidemics.

The report of the committee on federal relations was called for, but not being ready Dr. J. T. McFarland, of sevannah offered a resolution that vaccination should be made emmpulsory, under United States laws, and gave an instance where his own persistent refusal to permit a vessel to come to Savannah until all on board had been vaccinated kept confinent smallpox out of the city, as there were two weld-edited cases on board. The recontion was referred to the committee on logislation, without discussion.

President Hrooks suggested that a fund should be provided for publishing the report of the proceedings here, and to pay the secretary for the proceedings here, and to pay the secretary the report was printed and the secretary reminerated.

Dr. Walcott, of Massachusetts, made a partial report from the committee on federal relations and legislation, that the draft of a bill had been prepared which needed more consideration and examination, and commented on various sections. He thought the cohecution of foreign statistics should be by consular relations and legislation, that the draft of a bill had been prepared which needed more consideration and examination, and commented on various sections. He hought the collection of foreign statistics should be by consular officers through the state department. Dr. Chancellor, west vignita, offered the follow-ing resolution. That so nuted of the report on federal

Marriage of Capt. William J. Acker and Miss Miss Margaret Hall.

At noon yesterday Epiphany church was filled with a fishionable assemblage to witness the marriage of William J. Acker and Miss Jestic Burgess. At the hour named lishop Elect Paret took his place at the attar, and from the organ was heard the Wedding March from Lohengrin. The day was a gloomy one, but just as the ushers, Mesers, John H. Olcott, S. R. Pennebaker, A. J. Joyce, Jr., and G. L. McKean divided and let the bride and groom take their places in front of the bishop, the sun came through the stained glass windows of the little gray church, and peeped down on a charming picture. By the side of the groom stood Dr. G. N. Acker, his brother, who acted as best man. Hishop Paret read the leauntiful Enlescopal service impressively, and at the conclusion of the ceremony the glad strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March accompanied the happy pair as they left the church. om the organ was heard the Wedding

THE COMMISSIONERS.

Current Transactions at the Various District Offices. Miss Isabelle De Welowski is \$5,551.05, includ-ing a case of jewels valued at \$1,000. William Temple was yesterday appointed a

policeman in class 1. He is a graduate of Har-

bill to punish lucest to the house district committee.

There were 71 deaths in the city during the week ending last Saturday—It waite and 20 colored, the rate of mortality being 18.46 for the lotal population. The intributes causes of death were: Consumption, 14; pneumonia, 3; comession of the lungs, 3; broachinis, 3; dipatheria, 2. Of the lungs, 3; broachinis, 3; dipatheria, 2; bridge were over 8; white and 4 colored. Births copored—White and 5 colored smales, 2; bridges reported, 5; white and 4 colored. Births reported—White and 5; colored foundes, 10.

The commissioner yesteriay granted liquer Itemses to Christopher Boyle, Mrs. Kate Goffse, 15; J. Collins, Robert Hurley, Thomas T. Luckstt, James McLaughlin. Partick Naughton, William A. Schleuber, J. W. Shane, and Charles L. Wood.

Mr. Barker Testifies.

Mr. Barker Testifies. J. J. Barker was examined yesterday by the subcommittee of the committee on expendi-ures in the department of justice relative to tures in the department of justice relative to the alleged irregularities in the office of the first comprisoler of the treasury. His testi-mony was of the same vague, general nature as the letter he published some time sgo, and the changes he mails were of a comparatively trilling character. His most serious charge was that J. A. Shields, United States commis-sioner for the southern district of New York, had presented a bill for \$1,000 for administer-ing coaths to deputy marshals for claims against the government for services, and mak-ing out two certificates in each case. The comproduct had said, the witness continued, that the commissioner was not entitled to this

The Fresident's Mounted Guard.

A meeting of those interested in the formation of a company of mounted militia was held in the National hotel hast night for the purpose of adopting bylaws and electing officers. May G. F. Arinca and Goo. Beveriy Reheartson were put in nomination for commanding officer, the latter being elected by four majority. This not being sufferent, bylards being required to elect, several more ballots were taken, but with similar result. On metion of Maj. Armos, Ged. Rehertson was declared elected manufaculty. Mr. William Diekson was elected first lenguagait, and the macting adjourned without choosing other officers.

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Yesterday's thermometer: 7 a. m., 42.2°; 11 a

CAPITOL GOSSIP.

OPINIONS AND EXPRESSIONS GATHERED AN DRIEF TALKS WITH STATESHEN.

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SENATOR HARRISON'S DAROTA SPERCH.

WAYS OF PENSION ATTORNEYS.

tary of the interior to report to the house of representatives the number of contracts providing for the payment of the \$2.5 fee in pansion cases to claim agents, under the act of July 4, 1884, that have been filed in the pension office, and whether any of such contracts cover claims on file prior to the passage of the act.

At the last season of congress an amendment to the pension appropriation bill the passage of the act.

At the last season of congress an amendment to the pension appropriation bill the passage of the commissioners and approved by the commissioner. A member of the committee says that claim agents sent bianks for contracts throughout the country, and after securing them filed them in claims which had been taken in former years, under the law limiting the fee to \$10. He estimates that about 120,000 of these contracts have been filed, and that by his means claim agents have secured several full-lion dollars to which they were not entitled. The committee proposes to call the matter to the attention of congress, and, if necessary, last for new logislation.

The President Will Start the Machinery.
President Arthur has signified to Director General Morehead, of the New Orleans Expesition, that he will comply with the reduces made yesterday to start the machinery of the Exposition on the 16th instant by electrolity. The wire will be run directly from the executive mansion to the Exposition building, and so arranged that when the President opens the circuit in Washington the motive power will, by the act be applied to the machinery in New Orleans. Mischers of the supreme court, delenations from the two houses of congress, abinet of theer, and diplomatic representatives of foreign countries will be in stendance at the executive massion to witness the unique opening.

Gen. Warner's Question of Privileged.
Representative Warner, of Ohio, as a privileged question, intends to-day to call the attention of the house of representatives to a speech of Representative Joseph D. Taylor made July 5 last and printed in the Congressional Record Aug. 1. It is alleged that Mr. Taylor took advantage of the privileges of the house in recard to revising the speech a ter its delivery, and that he inserted un aritamentary launtage and language that re-ected on Mr. Warner as chairman of the consulted on the payment of pensions, bounty, as a back pay.

There was a large attendance at the Carroll astitute fair last night. The voting was a pirmed, and a feature of the evening was a said live Kris Kringle, who created a great deal

Mr. William Dickson yesterday receivister from a committee of the New York many society informing him that they manifestly resolved to attend the inaution, and requesting him to secure du and make arrangements for the accompany to 1500 or more of their organization.